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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT
for the Year 1961

of the Medical Officer of Health

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

OF THE

GUISBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1961, the contents and arrangements of which are in accordance with Circular 1/54 of the Ministry of Health.

I would like at the outset to record my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for their encouragement throughout the year.

To the heads of Departments I am again obliged for their co-operation at all times. To Mr. A. T. Pallister and Mr. E. Ward, whose report follows mine, I owe an especial debt for their unstinted help in all matters concerning the health of the District.

Finally, I wish to thank the two clerical officers, Mr. R. K. Nuttall and Miss D. E. Fox, who, working in the Area Health Office, have contributed materially to the smooth conduct of affairs.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
T. M. B. ROHAN,
Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1963.

TABLE 1

Public Health Officers

Whole Time Officers	Guisborough Urban District	Skelton & Brotton Urban District	Loftus Urban District
Medical Officer of Health who is also Asst. County Medical Officer No. 4 Area N.R.C.C. and School Medical Officer, N.R.C.C.	Dr. T. M. B. Rohan (commenced duty 5/6/61)		
Public Health Inspectors	*Mr. A. T. Pallister	Mr. J. H. Rhodes	*Mr. W. C. Ranson
Additional Public Health Inspector	Mr. E. Ward		Mr. W. Murray

*Also Surveyor of the district concerned

County Public Health Staff attached to the Guisborough Area.

Miss H. M. Bell	Health Visitor/School Nurse
Mrs. R. E. Alderson	District Nurse/Midwife
Miss M. U. Clegg	District Nurse/Midwife
Mrs. F. E. Potter	District Nurse (Part-time)
Mr. R. K. Nuttall	Senior Clerk
Miss D. E. Fox	Clerk Typist.

SECTION 1.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the district in the mid-year 1961 is 12,090, as compared to an estimate of the population in the mid-year 1960 of 11,040.

General Statistics

I am indebted to the Financial Officer of the Council for the following figures:—

1. Area of the District in acres 18,948
2. No. of inhabited houses according to the rate books 3,807
3. Rateable Value £271,300
4. Sum represented by a penny rate £1,175

TABLE 2

Vital Statistics

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births	139	148	287
Legitimate	137	146	283
Illegitimate	2	2	4
Still Births	4	5	9
Legitimate	4	5	9
Illegitimate	—	—	—

The number of births registered is 287, giving the birth rate of 23.7 per 1,000 population. Allowing for the differing age and sex distribution of the population in different areas, the birth rate corrected by this comparability factor is 21.8 compared with the Registrar-General's provisional rate of 17.4 for England and Wales.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Male	Female
Total	4	3
Legitimate	2	3
Illegitimate	2	—

7 infants under the age of 1 year died, giving an infant motality of 24.4 per thousand live births compared to the rate for England and Wales of 21.6.

TABLE 3 — Vital Statistics

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	—	—
Tuberculosis, other	—	—
Syphilitic disease	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—
Meningo-coccal infections	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—
Measles	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach	1	3
Malignant Neoplasm of Lung, Bronchus	4	—
Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus	—	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	6	3
Leukaemia	1	—
Diabetes	—	2
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	13	19
Coronary Disease, Angina	15	10
Hypertension with Heart Disease	—	—
Other Heart Diseases	17	10
Other Circulatory Diseases	2	1
Influenza	2	3
Pneumonia	8	1
Bronchitis	4	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	—	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	3	—
Gastro-enteritis and diarrhoea	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	—
Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	—
Pregnancy, child-birth, abortion	—	—
Congenital malformations	1	2
Other defined or ill-defined diseases	3	4
Motor vehicle accidents	1	1
All other accidents	2	—
Homicide and operations of war	—	1
Suicide	—	1
ALL CAUSES	87	65

The deaths are classified under thirty-six headings based on the Abbreviated List of International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948. 152 deaths of residents gave a corrected death-rate of 13.6 per 1,000 of population compared to 12.0 for England and Wales.

TABLE 4

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1961

(other than Tuberculosis)

	All Ages	Under 1 year	1 year	2	3	4	5—	10—	15—	25—	35—	45—	65—	Age Un-known
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	173	5	19	23	30	28	67	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Infectious Diseases

Table 4 shows the incidence of notifiable diseases except tuberculosis and Table 5 that of tuberculosis.

TABLE 5

Tuberculosis

Age Groups	Respiratory Form Male	Respiratory Form Female	Non-Respiratory Form Male	Non-Respiratory Form Female
0 to 4	—	—	—	—
5 to 9	1	—	—	1
10 to 14	—	—	—	—
15 to 19	—	—	—	—
20 to 24	—	—	—	—
25 to 44	2	2	—	1
45 to 54	2	—	—	—
55 to 64	2	—	—	—
65 to 74	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	7	2	—	2

No deaths from tuberculosis occurred in 1961.

TABLE 6

Immunisation and Vaccination

Diphtheria Immunisation

	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	Total
Completed	179	17	9	205
Reinforcing doses	—	14	125	139

Whooping Cough Immunisation

	0 to 4	5 to 14	Total
Completed	196	18	214

Immunisation and Vaccination—*continued*

	Primary	Re-Vaccination
Smallpox	189	12

Vaccination is available from the family doctor and at the Clinic in Guisborough.

	Primary	Reinforcing
Poliomyelitis	1151	813

The General Provision of Health Services in the District

1. Laboratory Facilities

This work is now done at the Public Health Laboratory, Middlesbrough, only the biological test for tuberculous milk being carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton.

2. National Health Service Act, 1946

With certain exceptions the Guisborough Area Health Sub-Committee of the Health Committee of the County Council exercises the functions of the Local Health Authority in supervising the day to day administration of the services provided under this Act. The Committee met every two months. It is composed of members of the County Council, of the three District Councils of Guisborough, Skelton and Brotton, and Loftus, and of certain co-opted members. Among the services administered are the following:—

Domestic Help Service	Home Nursing
Prevention of illness: Care and After Care	Health Visiting
Ambulance Service	Midwifery
Vaccination and Immunization	Care of Mothers and Young Children.

3. Guisborough Area Voluntary Care Committee

I would like to record the work done by this Body for the welfare of persons suffering from Tuberculosis and other illnesses. Enquiries and requests for assistance may be made to the Honorary Secretary, District Health Office, Park Lane, Guisborough (Telephone: Guisborough 2521).

4. National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 — Section 47.

It has been possible to avoid advising the Local Sanitary Authorities to have recourse to the procedure laid down in these Acts.

SECTION II

Water Supplies

With the exception of some outlying farms, water is supplied by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board. The following table summarises the position:—

Number of dwellings supplied by Public Supply:—

(a)	Direct to houses	3,770
(b)	By means of standpipes	Nil
(c)	Number of dwellings receiving water from various private sources	19

Water Samples

TEES VALLEY AND CLEVELAND WATER BOARD

Number of samples taken and submitted for Bacteriological Examination 12

AREA	NO. OF SAMPLES	RESULT
Guisborough	12	Satisfactory

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Ice-cream

There are 37 premises registered for the storage and sale of pre-packed ice cream. These were inspected regularly; 31 samples were taken and conveyed to the Public Health Laboratory, Middlesbrough, under approved conditions and submitted to the Methylene Blue Test. Of those, 30 samples were satisfactory and one unsatisfactory. In the case of the unsatisfactory sample advice was given to the supplier regarding sterilization and cleanliness.

Food Poisoning

No outbreak of food poisoning has been reported.

Bakehouses

There is one bakehouse. 6 inspections and visits were made and no defects found.

Fish and Chip Shops

There are seven. 14 inspections were made.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

Informal action was taken on several occasions, the requirements asked for being provided.

Food Retail Premises and Meat Inspections

72 visits were made to food premises and 250 to slaughter houses, of which there are 5 licensed; 7 premises are licensed under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 for the making of sausages, etc.

280 pounds of meat were voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human consumption and 75 tins of canned food weighing 187 pounds.

TABLE 7

Carcasses and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	546	13	87	2111	673	None
Number inspected	188	7	37	349	108	None
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci						
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	.53%	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

There are 5 licensed slaughterhouses in the Area, and 9 licensed slaughtermen.

HOUSING

Housing Statistics

New houses erected in 1961

(a)	By private owners	112
(b)	By the Council	Nil

1. *Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year*

1.	(*a*) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	166
	(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose	233
2.	(*a*) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	—
	(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose	—
3.	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	—
4.	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	99

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices*

(1)	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit or repaired in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	87

3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year*

A. Proceedings under Sections 9 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	—
(2) Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices	
(*a*) By Owners	—
(*b*) By Local Authority in default of Owners	—

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	—
(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
(*a*) By Owners	—
(*b*) By Local Authority in default of Owners	—

C. Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .... —

(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 4

D. Proceedings under Section 16, 17, 18, 26 and 35, Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made .... —

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit .... —

4. *Housing Act*, 1957, *Part* 4, *Overcrowding*

(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year .... Not known

(2) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year .... Nil

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

(1) (*a*) Number of Improvement Grants made 15

(*b*) Number of Improvement Grants refused 0

(2) (*a*) Number of applications for Standard Grants 14

(*b*) Number of applications for Standard Grants refused 0

Rent Act 1957. *Application for Certificates of Disrepair.*

1. (*a*) Number of applications for Certificates of Disrepair .... Nil

(*b*) Number of Decisions to issue Certificates

(1) in respect of some but not all defects .... Nil

(2) in respect of all defects .... Nil

(*c*) Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of First Schedule .... Nil

(*d*) Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule .... Nil

(*e*) Number of Certificates of Disrepair issued .... Nil

2. *Application for Cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair*

(*a*) Applications by Landlord to Local Authority for cancellation of Certificate .... Nil

(*b*) Objections by tenants to cancellation of Certificate .... Nil

(*c*) Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants objection Nil

(*d*) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority .... Nil

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Nuisances

Total number of inspections made for nuisances only	565
Nuisances found	554
Nuisances in hand previous year	7
Total needing abatment	561
Abated during the year	543
Outstanding at end of year	18

Number of summonses or legal proceedings — Nil.

Drainage and Sewerage

With the exception of outlying farms and villages, the District is served by public sewers discharging into various sewage disposal works, with the sewers of the Wilton parish discharging into the sewers of Eston Urban District Council.

Normal extensions to the sewerage system in the District has taken place in connection with private house development.

638 inspections were made to old and new drainage systems, 569 tests being made to new sewers and drainage systems.

288 choked drainage systems and sewers were cleared during the year.

Closet Accommodation

45 sanitary pan closets were converted to water closets.

The whole of Guisborough is now on the water carriage system.

24 houses at Mount Pleasant, Guisborough and the whole of Upleatham Village require conversion. The tenders for construction of sewer and sewage works in both places have been accepted and the work is awaiting commencement by the constructors. Several properties in Yearby Village still require conversion, the work being delayed owing to the lack of adequate sewage disposal facilities. Eston U.D.C.'s main trunk sewer was completed during the year and the conversion of approximately 43 houses and farms in South Lackenby was commenced.

112 water closets were provided for new buildings in Guisborough during the year.

Public Cleansing (Refuse and Disposal)

A weekly collection of house and trade refuse is maintained throughout the District. Refuse is disposed of by means of controlled tipping.

Smoke Abatement

No complaints of smoke nuisance were received during the year.

Rodent Control

During the year the Council's sewers were treated twice in accordance with the technique recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Routine surveys have been carried out in connection with farms, business premises, dwelling-houses, etc. and at the year end 47 houses, and 10 other premises, including business premises, had been treated. The poison used has been 'Warfarin' which gives very good results and is used to deal with almost every infestation.

Caravan Sites

There are 6 licensed sites. These were inspected on 19 occasions.

Shops Act 1934, Sections 10 and 13 (3)

74 visits were paid under the above Act. No unsatisfactory conditions were found.

Mortuaries

One at the Admiral Chaloner Hospital.

Byelaws in force in the District

Byelaws in respect of cleansing of footpaths and pavements; nuisances; common lodging houses and slaughterhouses; 24th July, 1893.

Byelaw with respect to tents, vans and sheds: 16th November, 1917.

Byelaws in respect of new streets and buildings: 27th April, 1925.

Building Byelaws: 10th March, 1939.

Byelaws with respect to swimming baths and bathing pools: 18th October, 1946.

Byelaws in connection with the handling, wrapping and delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the open air: 10th July, 1950.

Byelaws in respect of Smoke Pollution: 1st August, 1957.

Building Byelaws (Thermal Insulation), 1960.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948

The following figures have been returned to the Director of Statistics, Ministry of Labour and National Service, regarding factories in the district.

TABLE 8

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector)

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(I) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	24	24	—	—
(II) Factories not included in (I) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	34	69	—	—
(III) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	58	93	—	—

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